MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: The matter is under the consideration of Government; no measures have yet been adopted.

Fee for Medical Services.

82. ❋MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount of fee collected during the year 1116 till 1-5-1116 from persons in receipt of monthly income of over Rs. 50 for medical services rendered by Government medical institutions in Trivandrum, Quilon, Kottayam and Alleppey; and

(*b*) the method by which and the authorities by whom the monthly income of such persons is ascertained?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE: (*a*) The receipts from 1-4-1116 to 1-5-1116 amounted to Rs. 423-16-0

(*b*) The statement of the patient is generally accepted. In cases of doubt independent enquiries are made.

Village Union, Kothamangalam.

83. ❋MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total amount spent by them in 1115 for the various Village Unions in the State; and

(*b*) whether any amount was given by them in 1115 for the Village Union, Kothamangalam?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: (*a*) Rs. 13,000.

(*b*) Yes.

Working of Village Unions.

84. ❋MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the works of public utility undertaken by a Village Union receive any previous sanction from or approval by the Government?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: In the case of petty works previous sanction of Government is not necessary if funds for the purpose have been provided for in the final budgets. All other works require the previous sanction of Government.

Press Communique re: applications for appointments in the Public Service.

85. ❋MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have issued any Press Communique prohibiting the practice of candidates sending their applications direct to Government for appointments?

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